



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Thompson et al.

Serial No.: 09/576,462  
Filed: May 23, 2000  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING IMPORT/EXPORT TRANSACTIONSArt Unit: 3621  
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GROUP 3600TRANSMITTAL OF APPEAL BRIEF  
(PATENT APPLICATION - 37 CFR 1.192)

1. Transmitted herewith in triplicate is the APPEAL BRIEF in this application with respect to the Notice of Appeal filed on March 2, 2004.

NOTE: "The appellant shall, within 2 months from the date of the notice of appeal under § 1.191 in an application, reissue application, or patent under reexamination, or within the time allowed for response to the action appealed from, if such time is later, file a brief in triplicate." 37 CFR 1.192(a) (emphasis added).

## 2. STATUS OF APPLICANT

This application is on behalf of

- ☐ other than a small entity  
☒ small entity

## 3. FEE FOR FILING APPEAL BRIEF

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(f) the fee for filing the Appeal Brief is:

- ☒ small entity \$165.00  
☐ other than a small entity \$330.00

Appeal Brief fee due \$165.00

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR § 1.8)

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**4. EXTENSION OF TERM**

*NOTE: The time periods set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a) are subject to the provision of § 1.136 for patent applications. 37 CFR 1.191(d). Also see Notice of November 5, 1985 (1060 O.G. 27).*

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

*(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)*

- (a) ☐ Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d)) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 740.00
Fee		\$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

or

- (b) ☒ Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

**5. TOTAL FEE DUE**

The total fee due is:

Appeal Brief fee \$165.00

Extension fee (if any) \$0.00

**TOTAL FEE DUE \$165.00**

**6. FEE PAYMENT**

- ☒ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 165.00

- ☐ Charge Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ 0.

A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

**7. FEE DEFICIENCY**

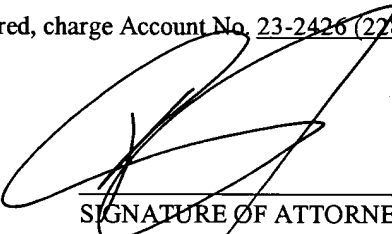
*NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, 1065 O.G. 31-33.*

- ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, this is a request therefor and to charge Account No. 23-2426 (22851-P001US).

AND/OR

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 23-2426 (22851-P001US).

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